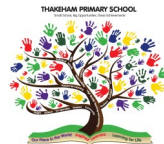




THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

16th March 2021



Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their recent certificates awarded over the past few weeks:

Positive, Persevering
Poppy

Amelie (Acorn)
Charlie (Maple)
Kevin (Maple)
Ella (Oak)
Eryn V (Oak)
Mabel (Elder)
Tamira (Oak)
Sophie (Acorn)

Co-operative, Caring
Craig

Miguel

Curious, Questioning
Quinn

Joshua (Elder)

Reflective, Reviewing
Ruby

Eddie (Oak)
Elliott (Oak)
Eloise (Oak)
Isla (Elder)
Matthew (Elder)

Headteacher Award
Aria (Oak)

Time to Shine

We would love to hear about your child's achievements outside of school, so please do email us via the office!

Congratulations to Luke Banks for persevering with his guitar lessons & making great improvements to his guitar playing skills!



Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Return to School

We were delighted to welcome back all of our pupils last week and were very impressed with how well they have adjusted to being back at school. From the youngest to the eldest, it was wonderful to see the children's smiley faces and eagerness to be back with their friends and staff. Their attitudes to learning have been really positive which has been a delight to see and hear.

As outlined in my protocol Powerpoint sent on March 1st, we spent the first few days as intended, settling the children back into school and focussing on activities to support their social/emotional wellbeing. All children throughout the school have had an opportunity to talk about their feelings as a class and also complete an individual pupil survey relating to this. This, alongside our own observations will help direct any support needed. We will liaise with parents on this if any concerns have arisen.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the vast majority of parents who took time to read the detailed protocol Powerpoint ahead to the return, to ensure their arrival times to drop off/collect were correct. I know most will have appreciated that the staggered starts/ends to the day are in direct response to the government guidance to keep children in class bubbles. Apart from Elder class arrival time being 5 minutes later, all other timings and lining up points are exactly the same as when the whole school were on site in December.

I would also like to thank most parents for their support with supervising their child at the beginning/end of the day and not allowing them to run around, climb on equipment, trees etc. In addition to Covid-19-19 safety, it is important that children remain with their parents/carers at all times, especially with a busy car park at the front of the school, where we had another near-miss accident last week.

These arrangements and social distancing seem to have improved over the course of the week and we appreciate parents full support on this.

Keeping everyone safe on site takes significant planning and is a huge responsibility. We are keen that this hard work is not undone by any slips in arrangements at the beginning/ends of the day. I am sure we are united in wanting children to remain at school and limit the chances of having to close bubbles due to the spread of Covid-19 infection. We have all worked so hard to avoid this so far, but this definitely not the time to let our guard down.

Over the course of the week one or two parents have queried how they can contact teachers with messages. This and other essential information are contained in our Covid-19-19 protocol Powerpoint sent to parents on March 1st and again arrangements have not changed significantly since December in line with DfE guidance. We have also placed this Powerpoint on our school website under the 'Parents' and 'Covid-19-19' tabs for easy access.

Parent-Teacher Consultation and Parent Home Learning Survey

We hope you found the appointment with your child's classteacher/Mrs Mullineux (Inclusion Leader), helpful in the lead up to the return to school? If for any reason you did not manage to have an appointment, please contact your child's teacher via the office to arrange a suitable time.

On Friday we sent home a link to a parent/carer survey to gauge feedback on how your child managed with home learning throughout this most recent lockdown. To clarify, you will need to log into your child's google account (as you did for parents' evening) to access this. Children also have their own simplified version to complete at school. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

Sponsored reading Event—World Book Day!

As part of our World Book Day, we asked children to participate in a sponsored Reading Challenge to support their reading and support the school in buying Usborne books for the library and their classrooms as part of a promotion. If we:

Raise £120 or more our school gets 10% extra in free books.

Raise £250 or more our school get s30% extra in free books.

Raise £600 or more our school gets 60% extra in free books

That's an extra £360 of free books for every £600 raised!



So far, we have only had 3 children send in their sponsorship. If your child has not managed to complete the challenge, but would still like to take part, there is still time!

Please can we ask that any funds raised be paid into the school bank account by Monday 22nd March, details below as previously shared:

Please reference WBD-your child's initial and surname. (So for example the reference for A Pupil would be WBD-APupil.)

Account No - 02930106

Sort Code - 30-99-93

Account Name - Thakeham Primary School Fund Account

Thank you on advance for your support!



Red nose Day!

This year's theme of 'Superheroes' is right up our street!! For a donation (suggested £1), children can come dressed as a Superhero or dress in red. If your child does not wish to take part, they should wear usual school uniform please.

This Friday during our 'Calm and Relaxation' end to lunchtime, children will be writing out their favourite joke in their best handwriting for inclusion in a School Red Nose Day Joke Book for our library! No doubt, this will be a popular read!

Donations can be made via <https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

Easter

Traditionally, we would walk to Trinity Church for our annual Easter service, sadly due to Covid-19-19, we have missed this now for 2 years. Rev. Dr. Frank Okai-Sam has kindly recorded an Easter service for the children to enjoy before we break up on April 1st and we hope to have a visit from him too.



Staffing

In addition to bringing the whole school back last week, we were also very busy with interviews across 2 days for a couple of support staff posts. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Blampied will be joining the Maple Class Team as a Teaching Assistant after Easter, to support pupils with additional needs. We have also appointed Mrs Young as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant to lead interventions for pupils mainly in KS2, in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding. Mrs Young is a qualified teacher, who is also undertaking a similar role in another school currently. She will continue the superb work of Mrs Mills who leaves us at Easter to take up

a promotion in Brighton and Hove. We wish Mrs Mills every success in her new role, she will be missed by children, staff and parents alike!

Mrs Eatwell who teaches Elder class on Fridays and French to both this class and Maple, will be leaving at Easter and starts the countdown to the arrival of her 2nd baby in the summer term. Mrs Eatwell has made an excellent contribution to our school and we wish her all the very best for the future with her anticipated new addition! Recruitment for this role continues.

Assessment Week

Next week teachers will be undertaking assessments in Reading/Spelling/Writing and Maths to help assess progress during what we all recognise has been a tricky time throughout lockdown. Outcomes will help identify learning gaps and fine-tune or identify support as needed. This may be in class, which will help shape teaching and learning and or may have an impact on the make-up of our 'Catch Up' groups that take place in the afternoons/after school. If your child is identified as needing further support, we will of course let you know.

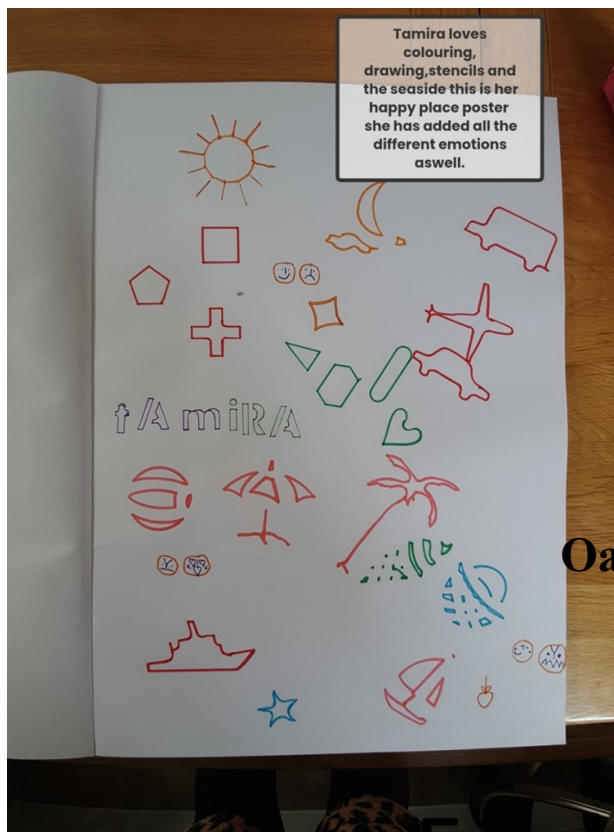
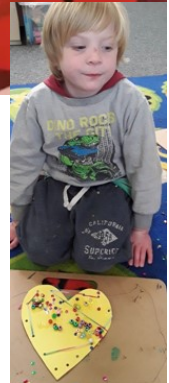
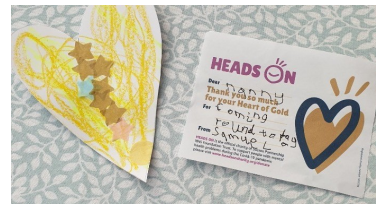
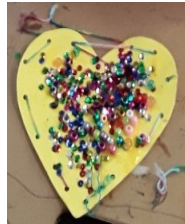
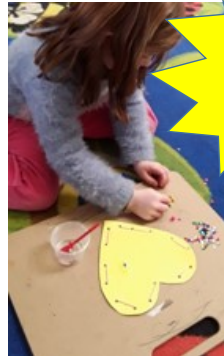
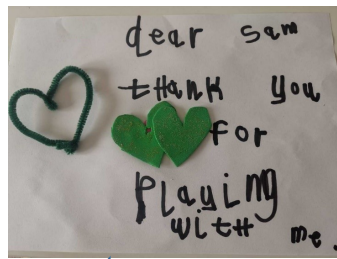
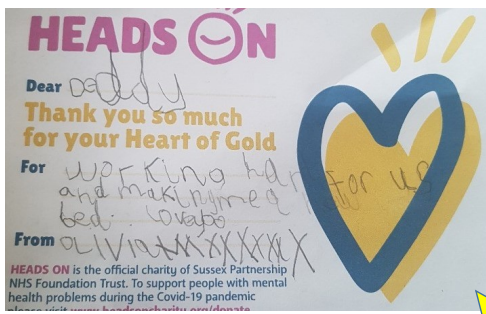
Finally we would like to share with you on the next few pages, how the children celebrated our 'Co-operative Caring Craig Day on 11th February. This was linked to the ideas of healthy minds and bodies and drew on the theme from Children's Mental Health Week 'Express Yourself.'

Best Wishes

Mrs Sam Norton

(Headteacher)





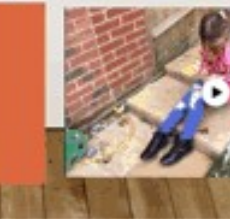
Oak Class

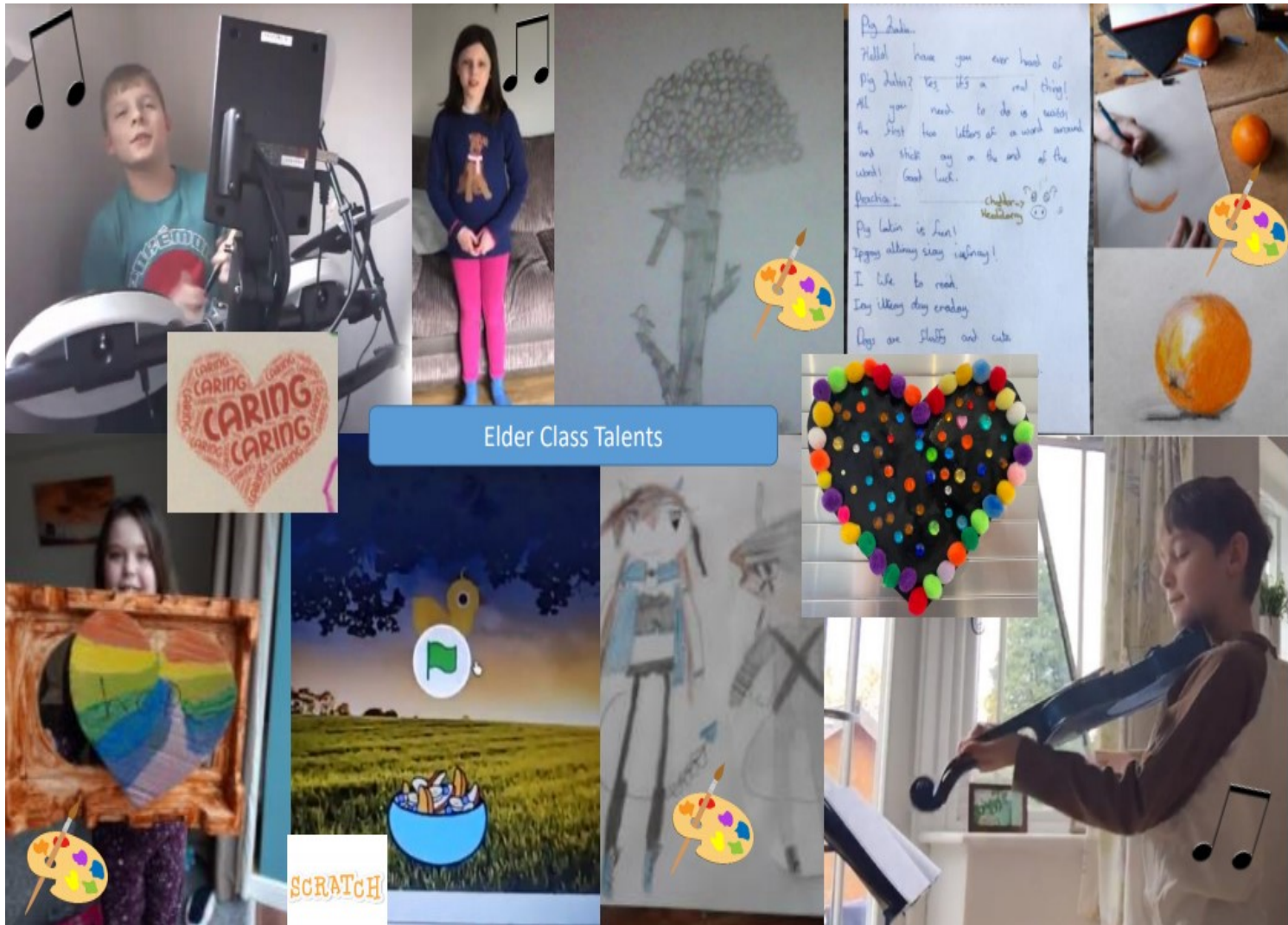
Freddie





Maple Class





KS2 Time Capsule



In order to remember this significant event of Covid-19 in our history, the children in KS2 created a time capsule which they buried on the school grounds. The time capsule contains children's reflection and journey through lockdown and their hopes and ambitions for the future. It also contains a face mask, a bottle of hand sanitiser, a packet of tissues, a receipt for shopping prices at this time and any key historical people or moments that have happened this year.

EASTER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN



ACE Football Academy

BOOKING
IS
ESSENTIAL



Tues 13th April, Wed 14th April, Thurs 15th April



09.30 - 15.30 (drop off available from 9am)



STORRINGTON: Chanctonbury Leisure Centre



**£39: 3 Day Course
£15: Individual days**



Boys & Girls aged 4-12. All abilities welcome.



All courses are led by professional coaches who are FA qualified, DBS checked, and first aid trained.
All children will need to be dressed in clothing appropriate for sports and will require a packed lunch and fluids.

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Use code WCD823 to receive 15% off when booking before 26th March.
 TO BOOK: <https://ace-football-academy.class4kids.co.uk/camp/50>



Chartwells Catering has various Kitchen Staff vacancies

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life?
If yes, why not join our friendly, professional team?

**Position is term time only, 2 hours a day around 11.30am – 1.30pm
5 days a week.**

Appropriate training will be given and uniform will be provided.

For more information please contact
Nicola Eves, Area Manager via email at
nicola.eves@compass-group.co.uk






Chartwells currently have a kitchen vacancy at Ashington CE Primary School